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SUBJ: UNCTAD PROJECTS FOR TRUST TERRITORY OF PACIFIC ISLANDS

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1. THE OFFICER CONCERNED IN THE UNCTAD RESEARCH DIVISION (DOMMEN) RECEIVED WITH APPRECIATION THE PRECISE ANSWERS CONTAINED IN THE REFTEL TO THE QUESTIONS HE HAD RAISED (GENEVA 6852).

2. DOMMEN EXPRESSED SOME SURPRISE THAT THE USG WAS UNAWARE OF THE ESCAP/ITC UNDERTAKING. HE ONLY SOURCE OF INFORMATION ABOUT IT WAS A CABLE RECEIVED BY UNCTAD FROM THE UNDP RESREP IN FIJI STATING "GOVERNMENT URGENTLY REQUIRES QUANTITATIVE STUDY COST BENEFITS ECONOMIC INTEGRATION MICRONESIA... MUST BE COMPLETED BY END DECEMBER IN VIEW FORTHCOMING DISCUSSION IN JANUARY SESSION OF CONGRESS." HE SAID IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION THE "GOVT" IN QUESTION WAS THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, AND HE SAID HE HAD HAD IT CONFIRMED THAT THIS WAS THE CONGRESS REFERRED TO IN THE MESSAGE. HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THE SURVEY REQUESTED OF UNCTAD WAS TO BE CONDUCTED UNDER A NEW UNDP PROGRAM OR THE EXISTING UNDP PROGRAM FOR TTPI, WHICH HE IDENTIFIED AS TTP-75-001.

3. IN VIEW OF THE SMALL COST OF THE SURVEY BY UNCTAD,
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DOMMEN ASSUMED THIS WAS A PROJECT INITIATED UNDER THE

LOCAL AUTHORITY OF THE FIJI RESREP, AND HE ASSUMED THE LATTER WAS ACQUAINTED WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE US AS ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY. HE MADE CAREFUL NOTE, HOWEVER, OF THE STIPULATIONS CONTAINED IN REFTEL PARA 2 AND AGREED TO ACQUAINT OTHERS HERE WITH WHOM HE IS ASSOCIATED ON THIS PROJECT ABOUT THEM. HE SAID HE WAS PREPARING A FURTHER COMMUNICATION TO THE UNDP RESREP IN FIJI AND INDICATED HE WOULD CONVEY OUR STIPULATIONS TO HIM ALSO.

4. IN LIGHT OF THE INFORMATION WE PROVIDED TO HIM DOMMEN WOULD NOT NOW PLAN TO INCLUDE THE NORTHERN MARIANNA ISLANDS IN HIS SURVEY, BUT HE DID FORESEE A PROBABLE NEED TO VISIT SAIPAN IF THAT CONTINUES TO BE THE CENTER FROM WHICH THE BALANCE OF THE TRUST TERRITORY IS PRESENTLY BEING ADMINISTERED. CATTO

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